

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Chas Vincent, on April 12, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Pat Christian, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Voted to send a letter to the Environmental Quality Council urging them to look at expediting the use of local resources in initial wildfire attack efforts on federal lands in Montana.

Executive Action:

HB 107: Be Concurred In As Amended  
HB 110: Be Concurred In As Amended  
HB 489: Be Tabled  
HB 597: Be Concurred In  
HB 644: Be Concurred In

00:00:43 Sen. Vincent

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 107**

00:01:42 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 107 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:01:57 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:03:12 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 107 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(nas77a01)

**Discussion:**

00:03:23 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:03:49 Ms. Stockwell, LSD

00:04:01 Sen. Barrett

00:04:21 Chair Vincent

00:04:28 Sen. McNally

00:05:01 Chair Vincent

00:05:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Richmond voted by proxy.

00:05:29 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 107 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:05:37 Sen. Phillips

00:06:06 Sen. Connell

00:06:51 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:07:15 Chair Vincent

00:07:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Richmond voted by proxy. Sen. Connell will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 110**

00:08:12 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 110 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:08:23 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division  
**EXHIBIT**(nas77a02)

00:08:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 110 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Richmond voted by proxy.

00:09:49 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 110 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:10:01 Chair Vincent

00:10:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Richmond voted by proxy. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 489**

00:11:20 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 489 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:11:32 Chair Vincent

00:11:40 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Pomnichowski made a substitute motion that **HB 489 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 9-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Vincent voting no. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Richmond voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 597**

00:13:00 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 597 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:13:06 Chair Vincent

00:13:16 Sen. Cohenour

00:13:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Richmond voted by proxy. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 644**

00:14:40 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 644 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:14:46 Sen. Connell

00:15:16 Sen. McNally

00:15:21 Chair Vincent

00:15:33 Sen Phillips

00:16:28 Chair Vincent

00:17:01 Sen. Fielder entered the meeting.

00:17:09 Sen. Connell

00:17:58      **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Richmond voted by proxy. Sen. Connell will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

00:18:36      Chair Vincent

**EXHIBIT**(nas77a03)

00:19:40      Sen. Cohenour

00:20:01      Chair Vincent

00:20:10      Sen. Cohenour

00:20:14      Chair Vincent

00:20:51      Sen. Cohenour

00:20:56      Sen. Fielder

00:21:55      Chair Vincent

00:22:00      Sen. Connell

00:22:42      Chair Vincent

00:23:09      **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved to adopt the letter that was drafted by staff, as amended, and send it to the Environmental Quality Council.

**Discussion:**

00:23:33      Chair Vincent

00:23:47      **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Richmond voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([nas77aad.pdf](#))